



Voice

– The Newsletter for the East Midlands (Southern) Gas Branch–

The Branch Executive met on 3rd May 2022 to review the actions arising from the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This Newsletter sets out those issues and seeks your support in filling some of the vacancies in positions which remain. In addition to those roles left vacant our Vice-Chair Andrew Brewin has now left the business for pastures new so we have included this position in the list as well.

Branch Officer Roles

The following roles are vacant, and we are seeking volunteers to fill them:

- Vice – Chair
- Young Members Officer
- Communications Officer
- Lifelong Learning Co-ordinator
- Education Co-ordinator
- International Officer
- Membership Officer

If you are interested in taking up any of the roles, please contact Nevil Fanibanda , Branch Secretary :Nevil.Fanibanda@britishgas.co.uk In the event of there being more than one volunteer we will invite the candidates to either job-share or hold an election.

Branch Accounts

The branch finances are in a robust position and our income is set to increase by 1% in 2022. This leaves us in a strong position to support our members without worrying if we have the funds to cover our responsibilities. If you would like to

view the accounts or have any questions about them, please contact our Branch treasurer Kerry Haldane: Kerry.Haldane@britishgas.co.uk

Hybrid meeting of members

One of the actions agreed at the AGM was that the branch host a meeting for all members through a mix of remote access via TEAMS the timetable has slipped a little from our original intention to have this done by 30th April 2022. Also it not been possible to hold a face-to-face meeting at the present time. Nevertheless we have now put the action into place and a meeting has been arranged as follows:

Friday 27th May 2022 at 10am, 11am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm

The TEAMS link will be available for all the timings above.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

We are particularly interested in hearing from members regarding the Flexible First policy with British Gas – Home Working – And the return to the Office.

The agenda will be open so if you would like to discuss a particular topic please notify Nevil.Fanibanda@britishgas.co.uk so that we can include the item.

Code of Good Branch Practice

The AGM committed the branch to operating within the UNISON guidance set out in the Code of Good Branch practice. The Branch Executive has agreed to review the code to see what actions are necessary to bring the organisation and administration of the branch up to date.

Recruitment

The branch has faced considerable challenges during the period of Covid-19 in which our traditional recruitment events have been unable to take place. While we

hope to be returning to the activity soon we would encourage all members to think about what they can do to encourage friends and colleagues to join the union.

The stronger the union, the better we can become in supporting you in the workplace and in negotiating pay and terms and conditions.

Details of the extensive range of benefits and services offered by UNISON can be found at: <https://benefits.unison.org.uk/>

And joining is simple via: <https://joining.unison.org.uk/join-unison-today/>

So please signpost your friends and colleagues!